

Marlborough Town Council



Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held Monday, 7 February 2022
in the Court Room, Marlborough Town Hall at 7pm

PRESENT	Councillor Nicholas Fogg	Chairman
	Councillor Mark Cooper	Town Mayor (<i>ex officio</i>)
	Councillor Andrew Ross	
	Councillor Noel Barrett-Morton	
	Councillor Mervyn Hall	
	Councillor Donald Heath	
	Councillor Jo Waltham	
	Councillor Richard Allen	
	Councillor Jane Davies	
	Councillor James Sheppard	
	Councillor Caroline Thomas	
	Councillor Mark Luson	
ALSO		
PRESENT	Richard Spencer-Williams	Town Clerk
	Dawn Whitehall	Administrator
	Neil Goodwin	Marlborough.News

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Goodwin (Marlborough.News) asked whether Members could provide updates concerning a recent request to Wiltshire Council for a handrail at Cherry Orchard, and the status of a planning application for a proposed equine centre.

Wiltshire Council had rejected requests for handrails, stating the age of the infrastructure freed it from any obligation; Members questioned whether the lack of a handrail presented a safety risk for users. Wiltshire Councillors and the Town Clerk undertook to investigate further (for example, whether to pursue funding from CATG) and report back at the next Planning Committee meeting on 21 February 2022.

ACTION POINT: add to the agenda for 21 February

The planning application for an equine centre was still under consultation – it was not uncommon for Officers to allow a longer period in order that all consultees had time to properly comment and the applicant could address any issues raised.

- 362/21 APOLOGIES**
Apologies for absence were received from **Councillors Loosmore, Farrell and Cleasby.**
- 363/21 DECLARATIONS**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 364/21 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
The Chairman congratulated students at St John's Academy on winning the first prize in an Institution of Civil Engineers national competition with their eco-housing design. This was a fantastic achievement, and he hoped there would be an opportunity to invite the winners to give a presentation to the Council.
- The Chairman had recently met with Ms Shirley Ludford, DL, a Deputy Lieutenant of Wiltshire. He had been very interested to learn that she was applying to extend the existing Swindon Community Radio to cover Marlborough which could be of great benefit to the community, and he felt the Town Council should support the application.
- 365/21 MINUTES**
RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held 10 January 2022 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman
- 366/21 ACTION LOG UPDATE**
Members noted the action log.
- 27: A meeting date of 17 February had now been offered for an initial scoping discussion with Atkins to explore options for a traffic survey .
- 367/21 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES**
Members noted the planning decision notices issued by Wiltshire Council.
- 368/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
- a) **PL/2021/11910** – Demolition of the existing single storey extension and construction of a two-storey extension, alteration to internal layout and dwelling access at Peppercorn Cottage, 1 High Street, Manton for Mr T Barnes
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
 - b) **PL/2021/11931** – Change of use of ground floor from Restaurant (A3/Class E Use) to Residential at 2 London Road, Marlborough for Mr Stephen Moran
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
 - c) **PL/2022/00548** – Construction of garage/workshop at 13B London Road, Marlborough for Mr John Black
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
 - d) **PL/2022/00221** – Proposals for a first floor extension and single storey rear, front and side extension to the house at 9 River Park, Marlborough for Mr Keith Trenter

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

- e) **PL/2022/00275** – Proposed two storey side extension, single storey infill extension to the front elevation and formation of new dormer at 29 Edwards Meadow, Marlborough for Mr and Mrs Granger
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- f) **PL/2022/00319** – Single storey front extension with open porch at Bexton Lodge, Rawlingswell Lane, Marlborough for Mr A Hunter
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- g) **PL/2022/00442** – Proposed first floor rear and side extension and associated alteration works at Due West, Leaze Road, Marlborough for Guy Bevan
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application although would draw the Officer’s attention to the design which does not appear to be in sympathy with surrounding properties
- h) **PL/2022/00620** – Construction of new porch at 2 High Street, Manton for Mike Brown
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- i) **PL/2022/00722** – Construction of new porch at 2 High Street, Manton for Mike Brown
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application subject to the Conservation Officer’s approval
- j) **PL/2022/00533** – Erection of new secure sports equipment store adjacent to the college all-weather sports pitches at Marlborough College, Bath Road for Mr Philip Eley
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application subject to the necessity of a satisfactory archaeological survey being conducted prior to the commencement of any works, and due consideration by the developer in respect of archaeological considerations arising from the report

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WORK TO TREES

PL/2022/00615 – Oak tree – overall reduction by 20% and shape at 64 High Street, Manton for Mrs Carolyn Ridley

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

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COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP (CATG)

Members considered two highways improvement requests, and whether they should be supported as submissions to CATG.

a) **A request for a second grit bin at Ducks Meadow**

Members supported this request in principle. Discussion points included:

- Wiltshire Council was no longer issuing new grit bins
- Whether to pursue funding via CATG
- Whether parish councils could approach ID Verde direct (at their cost)

- Details such as siting a second bin on the highway, ongoing maintenance and refilling it were unclear if not linked to Wiltshire Council

Councillor Sheppard agreed to conduct more research on options, and report back at the next meeting on 21 February, in time to allow Members to decide whether to support submitting the request to CATG for consideration in March

ACTION POINT: Councillor Sheppard to investigate and report back at the meeting on 21 February

b) Van Diemens Footpath (MARL28)

RESOLVED: to write to the landowners to ask whether they would consider granting rights for a permissive path across land adjacent to the existing footpath

371/21 TRAFFIC SURVEY

Members noted the results of a recent survey at A346 Port Hill, Marlborough, and advice from Wiltshire Council Highways that the results demonstrate that police enforcement is required. Discussion points included:

- Marlborough Police had been made aware of this outcome to request speed checks in the area
- If a pedestrian crossing were to be pursued, more data would be required concerning pedestrian use
- It was unclear how a pedestrian count could be conducted

RESOLVED: to raise a new CATG request to ask for a survey to count pedestrians crossing the A346 between Port Hill and The Common

372/21 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Steering Group was currently working through queries with the examiner; this process should be complete by the end of March.

373/21 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: that, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

Mr Goodwin left the meeting

374/21 WORKS AT MARLBOROUGH COMMON

RESOLVED: to write a letter to a land owner concerning recent works at Marlborough Common

The meeting closed at 8.02 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: